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TOWN WARRANT.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HAMPDEN SS.

To PARKER W. WEBSTER, Constable of the Town of Palmer, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Palmer, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Palmer, on *Monday, the eighteenth day of March inst.*, at nine o'clock A. M., to act on the following articles, viz:—

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

3. To act on the Annual Reports of the Selectmen, School Committee, Overseers of the Poor, and other officers of the Town.

4. To see if the Town will increase the number of the School Committee.

5. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the School Committee to appoint a Superintendent of the Town Schools, and establish his salary.

6. To see if the Town will authorize each school district to choose their own Prudential Committee.

7. To see if the Town will authorize the Prudential Committees to select, and contract with the School Teachers for their respective districts.

8. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to pay State and County taxes, for the support of Schools, for the support of Highways and Bridges, and all other Town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

9. To see if the Town will raise any money, and appropriate the same, to liquidate or reduce the debts of the Town.

10. To determine the manner of repairing the Highways and Bridges the ensuing year.

11. To see what course the Town will take to collect the taxes that may be assessed the year ensuing.

12. To revise the list of Jurors.

13. To choose Committees and give them instructions.

And you are hereby required to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the different public places designated by vote of the Town, eight days at least before the holding of said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this seventh day of March, A. D. 1861.

GEORGE MOORES,
J. S. LOOMIS,
GILBERT BARKER, } *Selectmen of Palmer.*

A True Copy—Attest, PARKER W. WEBSTER, *Constable.*

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the Town submit the following Report of Receipts and Expenses for the year ending March 12, 1861.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in the Treasury, March 12, 1860,	$192 05
Am't rec'd of Town of Monson, for repairing bridges, 1859,	136 39
" " Town of Monson, for school district No. 8, 1859 and 1860,	63 24
" " State school fund,	163 39
" " interest on town school fund note,	49 50
" " Town of Barre, for support of Chipman family,	7 60
" " circus,	20 00
" " license of dogs, 1860,	49 00
" " L. S. Hills, for taxes, 1859,	270 00
" " L. S. Hills, for taxes, 1860,	14,382 64
Total amount of receipts,	$15,333 81

EXPENDITURES.

SCHOOLS.

Balance due district schools, March, 1860,	$1,097 63	
Appropriated by the town for 1860,	2,300 00	
Division of State and Town school fund,	212 89	
Received of Town of Monson, for district No. 8, for 1859 and 1860,	63 24	—3,673 76

	Amount paid past year.	Overdrawn.	Now due.
District No. 1,	$131 75		$17 07
" 2,	328 20	$5 96	
" 3,	460 08		13 71
" 4,	118 75		41 46
" 5,	48 00		161 47
" 6,	119 97	10 76	
" 7,	no allowance made.		41 24
" 8,	121 65		14 97
" 9,	66 50		34 89
" 10,	56 80		85 80
" 11,	99 00		48 76
" 12,	763 60		291 60
" 13,	263 04		361 00
	$2,578 24	$16 72	$1,112 97

GRADED SCHOOL.

Amount due, March 12, 1860,		$241 26
" appropriated by the town, 1860,		500 00
		$741 26
Orders paid as follows:		
George C. Landon, for teaching in 1859,	$131 25	
George W. Randall, for wood and sundry articles furnished, 1859,	9 75	
E. B. Gates, for labor and materials furnished, '59,	11 37	
George Mason, for teaching two terms, 1860,	250 00	
E. S. Snow, "	125 00—	
Amount paid on account of Graded School,		$527 37
Balance due Graded School,		$213 89
Outstanding order in favor of George C. Landon,	$130	
" " E. S. Snow,	125—$255	

REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Amount paid as follows:		
Orders outstanding, March 12, '60, (including $5 94 int.)		$207 95
Pliny Cooley, filling in at Cooley bridge,	$6 00	
N. B. Baker, repairs "	3 75	
Capt. Cooley, labor on road and bridge,	2 75	
Horace C. Smith, putting up railings on highways,	71 82	
A. R. Smith, plank and timber for bridges,	198 64	
M. C. Fenton, repairing bridge near John Fenton's,	22 00—	304 96
B. H. Johnson, labor on bridges,	19 75	
Alvin Hastings, repairing stone to Hastings' bridge,	17 00	
" labor in District No. 13,	73 00	
Highway, " 12,	75 75	
O. Shepard, labor, " "	3 00	
C. R. Taylor, " " 11,	260 50—	449 00
Asa Morse, " " " 1859,	5 59	
Charles R. Shaw, labor, " 8 and 9,	80 00	
Alfred Lamb, " " 7,	35 00	
Reuben Rogers, " " 6,	35 00	
M. C. Fenton, " " 5,	125 75	
Eli Smith, " " "	150 00	
James Gamwell, " " 4,	272 86	
E. Brown, scraper furnished " 3,	5 50	
Jonathan McElwain, labor, " "	3 25—	712 95
Wm. McElwain, labor on highway, Dist. No. 3,	2 20	
G. G. Newton, " " "	417 88	
Wm. Snow, " " 2,	293 00—	713 08
Amount carried forward,		$2,387 94

Amount brought forward,			$2,387 94
Cash paid for labor on highway, Dist. No. 1,		$5 24	
Dr. King,	" " " 1859,	3 87	
Josiah Gates,	" " "	4 80	
B. F. Davis,	" " "	126 00	
Harding Hunt,	" near Dr. King's,	6 00	
Alvin Hastings,	" Dist. No. 11,	23 00	—168 91

Amount paid for the repair of Highways and Bridges, $2,556 85

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Amount paid as follows:

Orders outstanding, March 12, '60, (including $1 71 int'r'st,)	$111 50
Theron McMaster, support of Mary McMaster to Dec. 1, '60,	36 18
John Gerrald, support of his wife to Oct. 1, 1860,	30 00
" " " 2 months and 17 days,	12 83
George Gerrald, keeping town pauper 16 days,	12 00
J. P. Shaw, goods for Poor Farm,	16 79
P. P. Kellogg, " "	165 48
Hawley Keith, labor on "	225 00
N. Smith & Co., wagon for Poor Farm,	30 00
Joseph Keith, balance for services and interest for 1859,	9 38
J. S. Loomis, services out of town, pauper business,	1 87
J. S. Loomis, coffin for pauper,	6 00
Samuel Banister, support of Mrs. Benjamin Bacon,	15 00
William N. Packard, goods furnished Rufus Bacon,	8 45
Mr. Green, wood furnished F. Bacon,	4 00
Ephraim Squiers, support of Mrs. Richards and child 8 days,	4 05
Insane Hospital at Northampton, board of Sophronia Harris,	140 10
	$838 58

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Amount paid as follows:

Orders outstanding, M'ch 12, '60, (including $2 87 int'r'st,)	$205 12
John McElwain, digging graves and returning deaths,	21 10
Chester Strong, building road near Town House,	17 00
S. G. Shaw, abating taxes,	7 00
John E. Crane, making taxes for 1860,	54 00
John Foster, " "	57 50
Hiram Converse, " "	50 87
D. Granger, recording deaths, births and marriages, 1859,	20 00
D. Granger, services as Clerk and Treasurer, 1859,	55 00
J. E. Crane, abatement of taxes, 1859,	8 50
Gamaliel Collins, fitting up Town House for Graded School,	14 12
S. D. Winter, putting up stove for Graded School,	3 00
R. G. Palmer, repairing hearse,	9 75
Amount carried forward,	$522 96

Amount brought forward,	$522	96
Patrick McManamy, repairing gates to burying ground,	2	40
Anson Walker, part pay for damages to his wife on highway,	85	34
Royal Rindge, damages by falling of bridge near Dr. Shaw's,	381	87
County Treasurer, county tax, 1860,	1,780	01
State Treasurer, State "	557	50
Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, interest on note from Dec., 1859, to Dec. 1, 1860,	282	00
L. S. Hills, notice to town officers,	3	50
" " John Clough, Representative,	1	00
" collecting taxes in 1859,	89	00
Nathan Knowlton, moving and repairing standard weights,	3	50
A. R. Murdock, returning births to Town Clerk,	10	10
Fisk & Goff, printing School Committee's and Selectmen's Report,	75	25
Fisk & Goff, printing school cards, and other business.	31	25
Wright Bridgman, building road near Livy McMaster's,	196	25
Hiram C. Powers, " near Mr. Blodgett's,	328	35
Pliny Cooley, building bridge near Capt. Cooley's,	148	50
J. D. Sawyer, labor on road between Thorndike and Depot,	72	62
Chester Strong " " "	28	00
Cyrus Knox, " " "	29	87
Geo. Moores, cash paid and labor " "	200	18
D. Shaw and others, labor on road " "	102	20
Eben Jones, " " "	9	74
Darius Shaw, " " "	174	05
James Fitzgerald, " " "	9	50
P. W. Webster, labor on Three Rivers bridge,	10	50
Wm. H. Butler, services as engineer at Three Rivers bridge,	11	30
Darius Shaw, building stone work for " "	1,150	00
Western Railroad Corporation, freight on pile driver,	7	50
Russell Jenks, filling at the end of Three Rivers bridge,	118	50
R. B. Caswell, iron work on " "	4	41
L. E. Truesdell, part pay for building " "	1,200	00
E. Turner, services as School Committee to March 5, 1861,	51	00
David Knox, going with hearse and returning deaths,	58	00
John Foster, making State valuation, books and stationery,	43	55
L. S. Hills, abatement of taxes, 1860,	287	72
" discount "	682	28
" killing one dog, 1860,		50
J. M. Buffington, abatement of taxes, 1860,	2	24
John Graves, damage done his sheep by dogs,	10	00
Harding Hunt, " "	15	00
Dr. Amasa Davis, medical attendance on Rindge,	5	00
D. Granger, cash paid for recording deaths, births, &c., stationery and express bills,	31	20
D. Granger, cash paid far removing desks from Town House and repairing the same,	1	50
Amount paid for Contingencies,	$8,815	14

TOWN DEBT.

Note to Boston Five Cents Savings Bank,	$4,700 00
Interest on the same to March 1, 1861,	70 00
Abel Calkins' heirs, (four notes,)	2,000 00
Interest to April 15, 1861,	45 00
Balance of other debts against the Town, as estimated,	6,082 62
	$12,897 62

RECAPITULATION.

Amount paid as follows:		
District Schools,		$2,578 74
Graded School,		527 37
Highways and Bridges,		2,556 85
Contingent expenses,		8,815 14
Support of the Poor,		838 58
Total amount paid,		$15,316 18
Total amount of Receipts,	$15,333 81	
Total amount of Expenses,	15,316 18	
Balance in Treasury,	$17 63	

DUE THE TOWN.

From Town of Monson, for repairing bridges,	$34 69
" Belchertown, plank for bridge near old meeting house,	3 61
" Brimfield, plank for bridge near John Fenton's,	4 25
" " repairing " "	11 00
From L. S. Hills, Collector, 1859,	30 00
" " " 1860,	431 08
" Alfred Lamb, interest on note for support of Molly Ferry, from Oct., 1859, to March 12, 1861.	141 01
Balance in Treasury,	17 63
	$673 27

OUTSTANDING ORDERS.

George C. Landon, teaching Graded School, 1859.	$130 00
E. B. Gates, services as Assessor, 1859,	6 00
Nancy Wright, support of Charity Baker to March 1, 1860,	78 00
George Moores, labor on highway in District No. 3,	4 50
Miss Alvira Clark, teaching school in District No. 5,	68 00
Hiram Powers, building road near Blodgett's,	400 00
P. W. Webster, posting town warrants and notifying town officers,	27 10
Amount carried forward,	$713 60

Amount brought forward,	$713 60
Horace Dickerson, painting and repairing burying ground,	16 50
L. E. Truesdell, balance for iron bridge at Three Rivers,	1,575 00
Luke Chapman, stone and labor on " "	65 62
Frank Barker, " " "	26 00
Ralph Green, wood furnished to Moses Learned,	4 00
A. C. Merrick, repairing bridge near his house,	2 00
Enos Calkins, interest on notes against Town,	316 52
George Moores, cash paid for labor on Thorndike road,	143 55
Joseph W. Stebbins, damage done his wagon and wife on road near Fay's bridge,	20 00
Mr. Flint, stones for bridge near Capt Cooley's,	3 50
Charles H. Mitchell, damage to sleigh and self near the Depot,	8 00
B. H. Johnson, labor on bridges, (one-half to be paid by town of Monson,)	40 50
Eli Smith, labor on highway in District No. 10,	60 00
Eugene Shorly, boarding teacher and wood for school, Dist. 9,	36 00
Mary E. Squiers, teaching school, and wood furnished, $8,	74 00
Elmira Terrell, labor on highway,	3 00
B. H. Johnson, labor on bridge near Fay's,	8 00
Patrick McManamy, bolts for bridge,	1 00
John E. Crane, making taxes, 2 days,	3 00
E. Brown, goods furnished the town,	29 39
Samuel Bullock, keeping paupers past winter,	8 50
William Snow, labor on highway,	3 80
J. R. Wellman, " "	5 00
Z. P. Putnam, digging graves and returning deaths,	9 40
John Sugaree, timber for bridge,	9 00
John E. Crane, digging graves and returning deaths,	5 50
Edwin Snow, teaching Graded School,	125 00
Edwin Snow, teaching school in District No. 13,	18 18
E. B. Gates, labor on highway,	2 00
Miss A. V. Hitchcock, teaching school in District No. 5,	62 00
A. R. Smith, timber and plank for bridge,	12 46
O. Shepard, labor on highway in District No. 12,	1 50
William Holbrook, medicine and attendance on town paupers,	23 43
Enoch Marshall, making desk for Graded School,	9 00
P. P. Kellogg, goods furnished Town Farm,	20 08
Theron McMaster, support of Mary to March 1, 1861,	12 00
G. H. Clark, labor on bridge,	2 93
J. S. Loomis, cash paid for E. Porter,	8 93
G. W. Randall, fitting up Town House for Graded School, '59,	11 75
" services as School Committee, 1860,	39 00
R. B. Caswell, " " "	28 00
G. Collins, " " "	50 00
E. B. Gates, " " "	39 00
Gamaliel Collins, attorney fees concerning road between Ware and Warren,	10 00
Amount carried forward,	$3,665 64

Amount brought forward,	$3,665 64
E. B. Shaw, keeping paupers,	3 50
J. S. Loomis, relief of paupers,	4 81
" making certificates to Almshouse,	30 00
" putting up railing near Fay bridge,	3 50
" services as Selectman,	58 50
" " Overseer of the Poor,	25 00
George Moores, services as Selectman,	60 00
" " Overseer of the Poor,	30 00
" cash paid for labor on bridges,	21 08
" relief of sundry paupers,	17 10
" putting up stone monument between Ware and Palmer,	1 75
Gilbert Barker, services as Selectman,	93 00
" " Overseer of the Poor,	8 00
" cash paid for relief of paupers,	2 00
D. Granger, services as Clerk and Treasurer,	75 00
George Moores, time and expenses out of town,	23 25
Also due from the Town to the several School Districts,	1,112 97
Due Superintendent of Town Farm, (due April 1, 1861,)	275 00
" L. S. Hills, Collector, 1860,	125 00
" on outstanding orders, March 12, 1860,	1,120 79
Liabilities of the Town,	$6,755 89
Due the Town,	673 27
Balance against the Town,	$6,082 62

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE MOORES,
J. S. LOOMIS,
GILBERT BARKER,
Selectmen of Palmer.

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

For the Year ending March 1, 1861.

EXPENSES.

To inventory of stock, hay, grain, provisions, as estimated March 1, 1860,		$1,216 37
Interest on cost of Alms House establishment,		150 00
Amount of orders drawn, paid, and due, on account of pauper expenses the past year,		738 06
Amount of sundry bills paid by Superintendent,		111 70
Superintendent's salary, due April 1, 1861,		275 00
		$2,491 13

RECEIPTS.

By inventory of stock, hay, grain, provisions, as estimated March 1, 1861,	$1,175 92	
Amount of produce sold from Town Farm,	226 28	—1,402 20
Balance against Poor House establishment,		$1,088 93
Due from Alfred Lamb,	$141 00	

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE MOORES,
J. S. LOOMIS,
GILBERT BARKER,
Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT OF LIQUOR AGENCY.

EXPENSES.

To inventory of liquors, barrels, &c., on hand March 1, '60,	$372 07
Balance against Agency March 1, 1861,	261 00
Salary of Agent,	50 00
Freight bills on liquors,	5 87
Liquors purchased of Agent,	97 46
	$529 01

RECEIPTS.

By inventory of liquors, barrels, &c.,	$192 09	
Cash received for liquors sold, casks, &c.,	335 33—	527 42
Balance against the Agency,		$1 59

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE MOORES,
J. S. LOOMIS,
GILBERT BARKER, } *Selectmen of Palmer.*

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS &C.

Amount raised to defray Contingent Expenses, 1860,	$4,500 00
Common Schools,	2,300 00
Graded School,	500 00
Repairing Highways and Bridges,	2,000 00
To apply on Town Debts,	3,000 00
State Tax,	557 50
County Tax,	1,780 01
Rate of tax, including Highway Tax,	1 16
Amount of Tax Bills in the hands of L. S. Hills,	14,813 72

D. GRANGER, *Town Clerk and Treasurer.*